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Sarah Wright photo

Students have a snowball fight last Tuesday between Caruthers and Henson Halls. Look out for the guy behind the tree! Salisbury got about an inch of snow before a rain and ice storm set in. Night classes were cancelled on Tuesday due to slick road conditions.

University Police buy new cop car

By Sarah Lake
Editor-in-Chief

In a continued effort to increase security measures on campus, SU's University Police (UP) has added a new member to its law enforcement family — a 2009 Chevrolet Impala equipped with a bona fide police package.

The police package includes an upgraded suspension, a greater oil and antifreeze capacity, a larger engine, a light bar, and wigwag head- and taillights.

"It's more equipped for 24-hour use," said Lt. Michael Nicolas.

"The parts are stronger and it's built heavier."

The most important feature, said SU Police Chief Ed Lashley, is the color scheme. The new car is white, with SU's colors stenciled along the sides and on the back. The Chevrolet Blazers UP officers currently drive are navy blue.

"If you see our new car, you can't mistake it for anything but a police vehicle," Lashley said. "It should serve as a deterrent for criminal activity on and off campus."

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Sarah Lake photo

Lt. Brian Walker, left, and PFC Shacarius L. Shrieves pose with University Police's new car, a 2009 Chevrolet Impala equipped with a police package.

WET honors Gilchrest

By Jonathan Moynihan
Staff Writer

The Wicomico Environmental Trust honored Congressman Wayne Gilchrest last Wednesday for his efforts in preserving the environment and maintaining it as a top priority throughout his time in office.

With the Eastern Shore and Wicomico County being one of the of the most agriculturally focused in all of Maryland, it's no surprise that Gilchrest, who repeatedly fo-

cused on environmental issues, was the man of the hour for the Trust's annual meeting.

"He's consistently called attention to the problem of keeping the bay healthy. He's been actively involved in lots of legislative efforts to ensure that the bay will be around for future generations," said incoming W.E.T. President Barry Johansson.

Gilchrest, a Republican, won the congressional seat as the representative of Maryland's First District in

1988, a position he held up until this past year when he was defeated in the Republican primary by State Senator Andy Harris.

The environment is traditionally labeled as a "liberal" topic, but outgoing W.E.T. President Mike Pretl said that couldn't be farther from the truth. Pretl, a Democrat, said the Chesapeake Bay Foundation was formed by Republicans.

"This is an unusual topic that

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Laura Emmons/The Daily Times photo

Diane Walker, 13, of Salisbury and mentor Kelly Uebersax of Ellicott City, Md., share a laugh after meeting at the I.P.P.S. Mentoring Program.

Local mentor program seeks student volunteers

By Stacie Manger
Staff Writer

Involved Parents Productive Students (I.P.P.S.) Mentoring Programs is looking to recruit Salisbury University students to help counsel children currently attending middle school.

"I.P.P.S. is a program provider," Director Robert Williams said. "We go into churches and other organizations and set up programs for them. SU students interested in community work can become mentors. We already have three UMES and three SU students."

Williams founded the faith-based I.P.P.S. in October 2005. The goal of the program is to give young students guidance in regards to life, academics and career goals. They want students to realize the importance of going to school and trying hard in order to better themselves for the future, Williams said. I.P.P.S. gets parents involved as well and helps them set

goals for their children. According to the Web site, the organization has formulated strong relationships with local businesses, school districts, media and youth programs.

"Most of the youth mentees attend middle school. When you get a 13-year-old and assign him or her to a college student, there isn't much of an age gap," Williams said. "Poor, at-risk kids can see a future when working with a college student. The college student can relate to things like music, movies and situations whereas an older adult would act more like a parent when the youth really needs a friend."

Williams said he had an SU student approach him about getting involved with the program. He said she wanted to do community work and mentor youth but also wanted to put it on her resume. Community work

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Backlash possible in tuition freeze

By Vanessa Junkin
Staff Writer

Maryland residents who currently attend Salisbury University full-time are paying the same amount of tuition that students paid in 2005, and if Governor Martin O'Malley's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2010 is approved, SU students will pay the same cost of tuition for the next school year as well.

This tuition freeze for in-state,

full-time University System of Maryland students has been going on since Fiscal Year 2006— the 2005-2006 academic year.

Because the universities will need additional money each year to operate successfully, part of O'Malley's plan is that the state will give each university the amount of money they would receive if a tuition increases were to occur.

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brookemulford.org photo

Brooke Mulford

Community rallies around 4-year-old girl with cancer

By Ben Muell
Staff Writer

Four-year-old Brooke Mulford, the daughter of Rob and Amy Mulford of Salisbury, has been diagnosed with a rare type of cancer called neuroblastoma. Her online journal documents her experience: "On Christmas Day I did not feel real well and I lay on the couch instead of playing with my presents from Santa. The next day Mommy took me to the doctors and I had an ear infection, a sinus infection and my leg hurt very bad. The doctor prescribed some antibiotics for my ear and sinus infection and sent me to the emergency room for some x-rays on my leg. The ER doctors diagnosed it as toxic synovitis (transient arthritis). An infection in my right hip brought on from maybe my ear infection or sinus infection."

Since then doctors have determined that Brooke has neuroblastoma, a form of cancer that starts in early nerve cells of the

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Sarah Lake photo

Incoming art department Chair Brooke Rogers, left, is assisted by Provost Tom Jones while he presents his group's ideas for retention maintenance.

SU works to maintain high student retention rates

By Sarah Lake
Editor-in-Chief

Salisbury University is implementing programs aimed to preserve and enhance its already top-seeded retention rate.

In an effort to maintain its status as a Maryland University of National Distinction, faculty and staff

volunteered time Thursday, Jan. 22, at a workshop to build upon these programs, which mainly target incoming freshmen.

"We're always looking for better ways to serve our students in their success at this University," said Ellen Neufeldt, vice president of

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Devin Jones

Big man on the court



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Briefly Stated

February GUC Events

Guerrieri University Center Events hosts a wide array of events for students this February in the GUC:

□ **Time Management Event** - Thursday, February 5, noon-3 p.m., across from SOAP Office: Pick up interesting tips and go to the Student Achievement Center 3 p.m. Tuesday, February 10, and 4 p.m. Wednesday, February 11, for a Time Management Workshop.

□ **African-American History Event** - Thursday, February 5, noon-3 p.m., across from SOAP Office: Pick up interesting information and see what great activities are going on during the month!

□ **Valentine's Ballroom Dancing Class** - Thursday, February 12, 8 p.m., Wicomico Room: Learn to sweep that special someone off his or her feet! Sign up at Information Desk starting February 2.

□ **President's Day Event** - Monday, February 16, noon-3 p.m., across from SOAP Office: Learn interesting information about past presidents and listen to speeches from the current president!

□ **Support Our Troops!** - February 16-March 6: Writing a message to the troops on the GUC Events sign!

□ **Stir-Fry Cooking Class** - Wednesday, February 18, 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., Nanticoke A and B: Learn yummy stir-fry recipes from Chef Matt! Sign up at Information Desk starting February 9.

□ **Scrabble Tournament** - Thursday, February 26, 8 p.m., Nanticoke Room: Go for the triple-word scores. Sign up at Information Desk starting February 16.

The Guerrieri University Center is open Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-midnight and Sunday, noon-midnight. Learn more about upcoming GUC Events at www.salisbury.edu/guc/gucevents.html.

Student Academic Research Award

The University Student Academic Research Awards (USARA) Committee is accepting applications through Friday, February 20. USARA supports undergraduate research endeavors related to developing and conducting research with a faculty supervisor. Award funding is based on the merits of the proposal, with preference given to those who have not received an award. Application forms and guidelines are available online at www.salisbury.edu/sci-del/usara.html. For more information, contact Dr. Matthew J. Corrigan, Department of Social Work, Teacher Education and Technology Center Room 251D, 410-677-3923. Send applications to USARA Selection Committee; Debra Clark, Executive Administrative Assistant; Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies; Teacher Education and Technology Center Room 354C; 410-543-6335.

SU Poms Tryouts

Tryouts will be held Thursday, Feb. 5 at 8 p.m. in the Wicomico Room of the GUC.

Weekly Poll

We asked 100 SU students:

Did you watch the Inauguration?

87% YES 13% NO

SU hosts federal lab consortium

By Lauren Sadler
Staff Writer

The Federal Lab Consortium Technology Transfer hosted the Business Opportunities through Technology Transfer event this past Thursday, Jan. 29, at Salisbury University.

"We wanted to have the meeting somewhere in the mid-Eastern Shore. The University was selected because we wanted to increase the interaction between Federal Labs and Eastern Shore universities," said Robert Griesbach, Technology Transfer Coordinator. 80 participants were expected at the event.

The forum's purpose was to find technologies available for transfer and opportunities that matched participants' ambitions. Participants were



April Katsirubas photo
The Business Opportunities through Technology Transfer event, held last Thursday, was host to a number of speakers with success stories and tips.

also taught how to transfer and integrate new technology into their businesses by learning how some Eastern Shore companies have already benefited from successful partnerships. Success stories were shared by James Poulos, Vice President of Technology Transfer and Commercialization,

Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO).

"The goal for participants is to understand how to access government technologies and research capacities. In addition, participants will take away specific information on available technologies and research capacity in robotics, bio-products and remote sensing," Griesbach said. The event served to teach interested businesses how to utilize new technology solutions in order to meet today's growing challenges.

Some of the guest speakers included NASA's Geoffrey Bland (aeroscientist) and John Moisan (oceanographer/remote sensing). Other participating institutions included the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and local and regional universities.

Gilchrest

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crosses partisanship. It transcends party lines because everyone on the shore realizes the affect it has on the area," he said.

Registered Democrat Chris Dominick said she always voted for Gilchrest because she felt he had the best interests of the Eastern Shore at heart, demonstrating further proof that labeling the environment as a liberal topic is simply incorrect.

Upon being presented at the banquet, Gilchrest received a standing ovation from the members of W.E.T. He spoke to the crowd about his passion for the Earth, as

well as about what the future holds for politically active environmentalists.

The congressman also casted his vision of the influence the environment could play on education, as he dreams of turning simple truths about the environment into essential articles of knowledge, as easily accessed as the basics of biology and mathematics.

"What will save this county, this community, this state, this nation or



Sarah Lake photo
Former Congressman Wayne Gilchrest mingles with WET members Wednesday night at a dinner in his honor.

this world is our passion to pass along knowledge in a way that excites the intellect and curiosity," he said.

New cop car

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"We're excited to have [the new car]," said Dane Foust, associate vice president of Student Affairs at SU. "It will add to the value that UP already provides to the University."



Sarah Lake photo
The new cop car comes standard with an upgraded suspension and a greater oil and antifreeze capacity among many other features.

The vehicle arrived at SU about a month ago and officers are beginning to use it on patrol. It still, however, needs a little work. The light bar is not installed and equipment needs to be transferred from the inoperable Blazer it is replacing. When everything is done the total cost of the vehicle will be somewhere around \$25,000, Nicholas said.

In 2008 UP beefed up surveillance by hiring security guards and purchasing a Segway. The acquisition of a new vehicle comes at a time when SU is experiencing a hiring freeze, spending freezes and furloughs. However, Lashley said, funding for the vehicle was authorized in October, prior to the implementation of any freezes.

All work on the new car should be completed within the next month, Nicholas said. Lashley hopes to get a second car, but has no idea when it will happen because of cost containment. "Some of our vehicles are as old as 1998 and we currently have a vehicle that is completely inoperable," he said. "We can only walk so far."

Crime Beat

12/18/08 11:30 p.m.

Underage Alcohol Violation
Officers discovered two underage students in possession of alcoholic beverages in Choptank Hall. Both students were issued civil citations and a copy of the report was forwarded to the Office of Student Affairs for review.

12/18/08-12/19/08

3:30 p.m.-7:15 a.m.
Malicious Destruction of Property

Someone damaged property in Choptank Hall, including glass from the fire alarm pull stations, smoke detectors and signs.

12/19/08 10:15 a.m.

CDS Complaint

A University employee reported that someone was smoking marijuana near Severn Hall. An officer responded to the area and interviewed a suspect; however, no evidence of a crime was discovered. 12/19/08 8:30 p.m. CDS Complaint- A Housing employee conducting room inspections in Choptank Hall discovered drug paraphernalia in a student's room. The case is under investigation by the University Police.

12/22/08-1/05/09

Theft

Someone stole an Apple iPod from G.U.C. room #206. The case is under investigation by the University Police.

1/11/09 Midnight-1:30 a.m.

Malicious Destruction of Property and Theft

Someone removed letters from Salisbury University signs on the corners of College and Camden Ave. and Rt.13 and Dogwood Drive.

1/15/09 Noon - 3:40 p.m.

Malicious Destruction of Property

A student reported that someone broke the rear driver's side window of her vehicle while it was parked and unattended in the Devilbiss Parking Lot.

1/16/09 2:15 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

Theft

A complainant reported the theft of personal property from within an unlocked locker in the Maggs men's locker room.

1/27/09 12:59 a.m.-1:30 a.m.

Suspicious Person

A student reported that a man with whom she was unfamiliar was knocking on the door to her Choptank Hall room and asking to gain entry. The man departed the area prior to the arrival of responding University Police Officers.

Mentor

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and resume building became his method for recruitment, he said.

Williams also believes in having mentors from all backgrounds. "I believe in diversity in my program. Parkway [a church with a mentoring program] is a diverse church," he said. "SU and UMES have diverse campuses, SU more so than UMES. In the immediate vicinity, both campuses are excellent resources to find mentors."

Williams is more than willing to have new mentors come on board. LPPS has a Web site with more information about their goals and mission. It can be found at <http://www.wippsinfo.org/index.php>. The Web site includes instructions on how to become involved with LPPS. Interested students should contact Williams to receive further information about the program.

I.P.P.S.
WHAT. I.P.P.S. Mentoring WHERE. Parkway Church of God in Salisbury WHEN. Mondays @ 6 p.m. INFO. Contact Robert Williams 410.860.9666

College Reps plan TV show

By Rachael Stone
Staff Writer

Republicans didn't lose everything in November after all. Last Wednesday, the College Republicans held a meeting in the Fireside Lounge to talk about creating a television show. Dave Larmore, president of College Reps, discussed with other members about producing a show targeting for fellow Republicans. The show would discuss current events while jacking it up with a little bit of entertainment.

The first production is set for Feb. 11 at 8 p.m. The show will last 25 minutes or less, depending on the topic. The cast also plans on having debates with the College Dems.

"We want two sides of a story, we want a debate, we want a real conversation on camera," Larmore said.

The show will be produced at the SUTV station, which is home to four \$75,000 cameras. Director Dan McFarland is looking for talented people to serve as cast members and welcomes suggestions for ideas for episodes. Cast members can either be a part of the production and/or crew or can just show

up to the studio to help out.

After the episodes are created, they will be put onto YouTube. If they attract a large enough audience and seem to appeal to the college crowd, they will air on channel 11, PAX TV. There will be no cost to produce the show, just the time and effort put into production in the studio.

"Our main goal is to improve

our advertising and to just get our name out there," said Matt Teffau, Vice President of College Republicans. "We want more people to get involved and come to our meetings." As far as future involvement with the College Reps, the club plans on participating in Fun Day and will continue to meet Wednesday nights at 7 p.m.



Daniel McFarland photo
SU College Republicans left to right: Chris Larkin, President David Slovin, Matt Teffau, David Larmore, Meredith Rainaldi and Ashley McDonald.

Cancer

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sympathetic nervous system. It normally affects young children.

"They told us that they are 90-95 percent sure Brooke has stage 4 (the most advanced stage) of neuroblastoma. The MIBG scan revealed that the cancer is in her vertebrae, hips and other bones," said Rob Mulford.

Brooke is currently being treated at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Almost immediately the community rallied to the Mulford's side, creating the Brooke Mulford Foundation. Doug and Christal Marshall of Delmar hosted the Bonfire for Brooke on Jan. 16. This was followed by Brooke's Day on Jan. 18 at Market Street Inn, the Mulford's restaurant. On Jan. 31 the Crown Sports Complex's Fast Break Cafe donated 10 percent of their day's proceeds to the Brooke Mulford Foundation and the Family Entertainment Center donated 30 percent.

Future events include Romance for a Cure organized by Beat the Beast, a non-profit group that raises cancer awareness, research and support funds. Beat the Beast will make, bake and deliver sweets on Friday, Feb. 13 and Saturday, Feb. 14. Salisbury Jaycees Basket Bingo for Brooke will be held the following Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Salisbury Moose Lodge. Seacrets and Team Brooke will be held on Saturday, March 7, with 5 live band performances, DJ BK, reduced drink prices and free food. \$20 pre-sale tickets are available at Market Street Inn. On



brookemulford.org photo
Brooke Mulford, 4, has neuroblastoma, a cancer that affects the sympathetic nervous system.

the same day the men of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and their alumni will be holding a fundraiser. All proceeds from the events will benefit the Brooke Mulford Foundation.

For more information, visit the Brooke Mulford Foundation Web site at www.brookemulford.org.

Retention

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Student Affairs. "SU is in the top tier as far as retention rates go, and we never want that to change."

In 2006, SU touted the second highest retention rate within the University System of Maryland. Last year's rate was 82.6 percent, a 2 percent increase from the previous year.

"We're trying to shoot for 85 percent," said Tom Jones, vice president of Academic Affairs. "If we could make it to 85, we'd be up there with the really good schools."

Jones said the leap from freshman

to sophomore is the most critical in retaining students.

"If you're not connected to the University, you're not making a lot of friends and you're not doing well academically, you're going to go somewhere else," he said.

A variety of workshops were held last year to gain input on what should be included in the University's 2009 strategic plan. Student success, Neufeldt said, was at the top of everyone's list.

Four components of the plan were discussed at the Jan. 22 workshop: Living/Learning Communities, freshman seminars, supplemental instruction and Bridge

Programs.

According to Neufeldt, these education models have been implemented at other universities and have proven successful in maintaining student retention.

Freshman seminars are courses that help students integrate themselves into college life.

Supplemental instruction is an initiative championed by the newly established Center for Student Achievement.

"This is a partnership between undergraduate student leaders and faculty," said Center Director Heather Holmes. "It targets historically difficult courses, such as math, science

Tuition freeze

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Alan Selser, SU's Chief Financial Officer, noted that SU has been doing fine financially after not receiving extra tuition dollars because of the money provided by the state.

Selser also said, "If you're able to hold the cost flat, you're reducing the amount of loans that students have to take out and ultimately pay back."

Dean of Enrollment Management Jane Dané said, "We would be able to do a bit more for students overall in terms of possible financial aid and scholarships if we were able to increase tuition a bit." She explained that while some prospective students like to see a low tuition price, others may expect that more expensive schools offer a better education or will provide a greater amount of monetary aid.

Keeping tuition affordable is ideal, said Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Tom Jones, but he added that Salisbury may need to raise the cost of tuition in order to continue improving the level of education.

Jones said that SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach has been working to lift the tuition freeze in order to help SU. He explained that every University System of Maryland

school will also be benefiting from the same four percent tuition raise, even though Salisbury has a much lower tuition cost than some of the other Maryland schools. Jones said that because of this, SU will still receive less of the state's money and it will be hard for the University to get to the level it strives to reach.

The tuition freeze for fiscal year 2010 is not certain yet and will be decided upon by the state legislature. Although in-state tuition cannot be changed if the budget is approved, costs for fees, room and board and out-of-state tuition will most likely increase.

Jones said SU is able to offer an excellent education to its students, but he added, "There's also a limit to how long we can maintain that quality in an economic environment where the costs of everything keep going up."

Ellen Neufeldt, Vice President of Student Affairs, said of SU, "It's a great opportunity for college at an affordable price." SU recently ranked on the list of the top 50 public universities in the Princeton Review's 100 Best Value Colleges for 2009.

Neufeldt said in Maryland, "people are still very interested in making higher education a high priority for the state, and I think that's good for our students."

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and accounting."

Student leaders would collaborate with faculty and assist freshmen with course content as well as study skills, Holmes said.

Bridge Programs are held before the beginning of the semester and aim to help freshmen prepare for the transition from high school to college.

The CSA also offers math placement exams and modules, as well as one-on-one counseling for students who are failing classes. Since it opened its doors last September, the CSA has seen roughly 75 students who were struggling with serious academic issues — one of the many

reasons a student would decide to leave the University.

Financial instability is another main concern among students considering withdrawing from the University. However, Neufeldt said SU's spot on the Princeton Review's list of the 100 Best-Value Colleges of 2009 will attract students to the University.

"We're hoping the financial crisis won't affect us as it would more expensive universities," she said.

SU's retention initiative is ongoing and as it tries to reach the 85 percent mark, faculty and staff hope to improve upon freshman transition programs.

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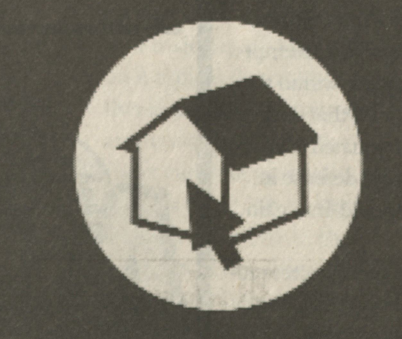
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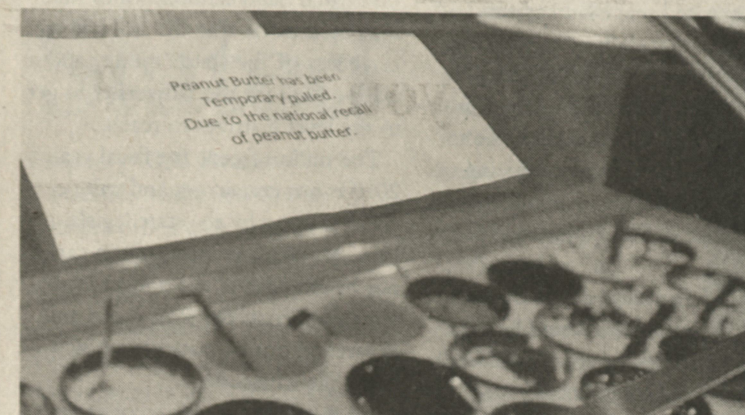
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Peanut butter is currently not available in The Commons due to the national crisis, which has killed eight and sickened more than 500.

Peanut butter crisis rattles the country

By Laura Dignan
Staff Writer

For the past month, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has recalled over 400 peanut butter products due to a salmonella contamination. The Peanut Corporation of America in Blakely, Georgia produces King Nut brand peanut paste, which is where the contamination started. The paste is sold to many food manufacturers. This outbreak has been linked to eight deaths and more than 500 sicknesses across the country, making it the most deadly food contamination outbreak in the past 20 years.

Georgia's Agriculture Department performed inspections of the plant twice a year. Reports from 2006 to 2008 show that the plant had sanitation problems with dirt and grease buildup, unmarked chemical containers and gaps in doors big enough for rodents but the factory continued to produce their products.

"Given the plant's history of unsanitary conditions, I suspect that if the plant was kept more clean - improving the cleanliness of both the physical plant (machines, floors, bathrooms, etc) as

well as the sanitary conditions of the workers (handwashing, gloves, etc), then hopefully the problem could be avoided in the future," said Dr. Elizabeth Emmert, a biology professor at Salisbury University.

Salmonella is a type of bacteria naturally found in animal feces. The infection causes vomiting, abdominal cramps, diarrhea and fever lasting four to seven days. It is also very contagious but can be cured with antibiotics if caught in time.

The Commons at SU has pulled all of their peanut butter products including peanut butter itself, ice cream, crackers and anything else with a peanut butter base.

Many of the major peanut butter products such as Jif, Skippy, Hershey's, Girl Scout cookies and Lance peanut butter crackers are safe to eat. Among the products being recalled are Keebler cookies, Little Debbie peanut butter snack crackers and snack bars sold by Clifbar, Lunabar, Larabar and Trader Joe's.

For a list of all peanut butter products that are safe visit www.peanutsusa.com and for a list of all recalled products visit www.fda.gov.

The first three weeks

By Kelley Matney
Staff Writer

President Barack Obama came into office with a 68 percent approval rating according to the Gallup Poll Organization. However, he also came in with a whole host of problems that he has to deal with, including a failing economy and ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. In his first two weeks he has attacked the issues that vary from the interrogation rules, the economy and the United States' "War on Terror."

In his first executive orders Obama efficiently set a tone when it comes to his goals on the "War on Terror." On Jan. 22, he ordered the closure of the Guantanamo Bay prison and a finish to the much-criticized military commission trials. He shut down covert CIA prisons, required that the Red Cross have access to detainees and mandated that interrogations of detainees be subject to rules in the Army Field Manual, no matter who is doing the interrogating.

Revitalizing the economy seems to be a priority for the Obama administration. In an amendment to White House procedure, Obama asked to be given daily briefings on the condition of the economy along with the daily briefings on national security; thus, making the economy's importance equal to America's national security.

President Obama took the first steps in the direction of bringing the nation out of its recession. Obama's \$825-billion stimulus plan was passed on Wednesday, Jan. 28.

"The American people expect action. They want us to put together a recovery package that puts people back to work, that creates

investments that assure our long-term energy independence, an effective health care system, an education system that works; they want our infrastructure rebuilt, and they want it done wisely so that we're not wasting taxpayer money," said President Obama to reporters after meeting with the Republican caucus.

Obama gave his first televised interview as president, to Al Arabiya, a channel watched throughout the Arab World. This was a sign to the world that the U.S. may be at war with Iraq but not with Islam itself.

"There are extremist organizations — whether Muslim or any other faith ... that will use faith as a justification for violence. We cannot paint with a broad brush a faith as a consequence of the violence that is done in that faith's name. Our administration [will] be very clear in distinguishing between organizations like Al Qaeda — that ... espouse terror... and people who may disagree with my administration," he said.

The job for President Obama has just begun and there is a four year road ahead. But, in his first three weeks in office he has worked hard to set a tone that separates him from the Bush presidency.



President Obama waves on Capitol Hill in Washington Tuesday, Jan. 27 before he spoke to reporters.

HISTORY CORNER

February 3

1870-The Fifteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution is ratified, granting voting rights to citizens regardless of race.

February 4

1792-George Washington is unanimously elected to a second term as President of the United States by the U.S. Electoral College.

February 5

1778-South Carolina is the first state to ratify the Articles of Confederation.

February 6

1815-New Jersey grants the first American railroad charter to a John Stevens.

February 7

1991-Haiti's first democratically-elected president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, is sworn in.

February 8

1993-General Motors sues NBC after Dateline NBC allegedly rigs two crashes intended to demonstrate that some GM pickups can easily catch fire if hit in certain places.

February 9

1964-The Beatles make their first appearance on The Ed Sullivan Show, performing before a "record-breaking" audience of 73 million viewers.

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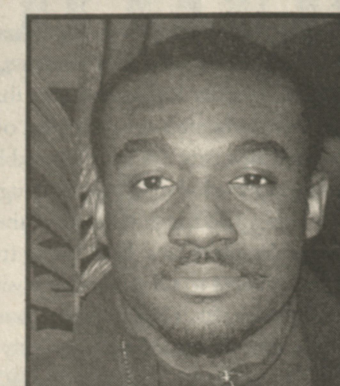
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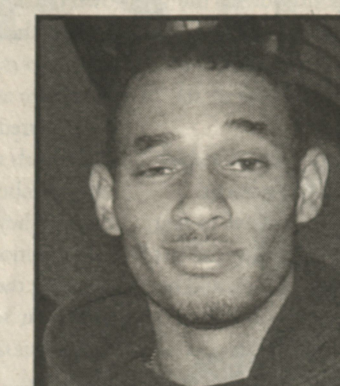
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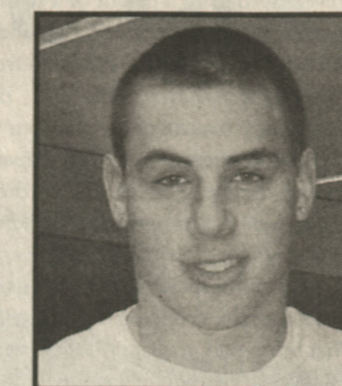
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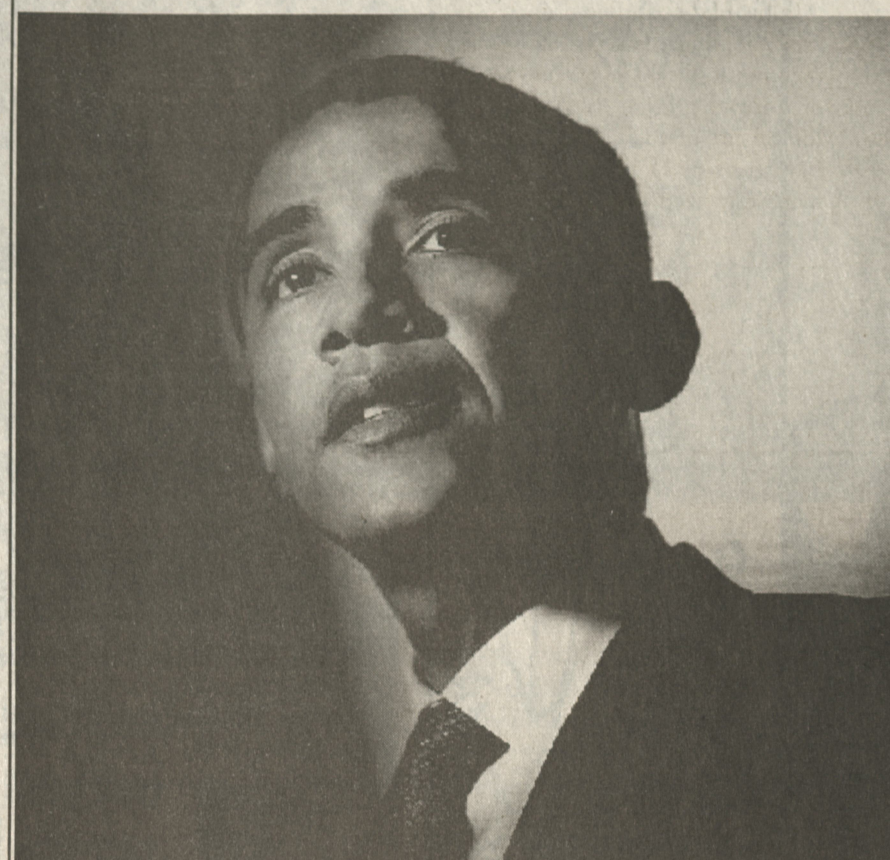
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New presidency, new world



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President Barack Obama

By Kyra Milbourne
Staff Writer

With a new administration comes a lot of different feelings; feelings of relief, anxiety, happiness, and resentment. Barack Hussein Obama officially took his place in the White House on Jan. 20. His inauguration was praised and celebrated like never before; concerts took place as all as inauguration parties and ten balls all in honor of our new president. These inauguration balls were filled with celebrities ranging from Oprah Winfrey to Beyonce. This marked not only a change but also a revolution.

"It may sound weird but when Barack took his place in office I felt like Martin Luther King was born again," said freshman Latoya Parnell.

The United States of America has its first African-American president, an event which Americans celebrated with high hopes and anticipation. Many took this event as a landmark, a motion towards unity. It was a time of amazement and satisfaction. "Wow, is all I have to say," sophomore Leah Eskiewicz said.

Many debates followed the election of Obama, some believing that he won because our nation

couldn't take another Republican president, others thinking that change was needed: we were already in the worst predicament possible and it couldn't get any worse, only better. For some it was the realization that we are all finally seen as equal.

Record breaking numbers showed up to the polls to make their voice heard and with this came the making of history. The new administration is wasting no time getting settled into their new roles. Already the new administration has repealed current rules from as far back as May, as well as overturning federal regulations approved under the Bush administration.

"I'm glad that the new administration is fast on its feet because the economy is drastically dropping," senior Lauren Smith said.

The hopes and wishes are everywhere. Change is needed rapidly, but after eight years of damage caused by the Bush administration, a couple days in office isn't going to fix everything; only hard work, dedication, time, and wisdom can do it. Some say this administration has it easy. They can not mess up, only fix up, because the damage is already done, while others say the slightest mistake from the new administration will ruin us. Our anticipation rises as we come close to seeing as well as feeling the change from the new administration.

Obama craze extended to the "dog search"

By Bethany Jeffries
Staff Writer

Who hasn't been swept up yet in the Obama-rama craze? From posters to toy dolls, the new First Family continues to sweep up news coverage, especially from the canine community! After President-Elect Obama stood in front of thousands with the news that he had won the 2008 election, he promised his two daughters the puppy they'd been waiting for. But since one of the first kids, Malia, is allergic to dog fur, they've turned the world over searching for a pleasing pup.

The nation has been swept up along with the search, running the gamut from the Peruvian National Dog, to the Portuguese water dog. It brought CNN coverage, debates and attention to shelter-dogs, thanks to the first lady. The long search is "no joke" and was even attacked by an Iranian cleric. The American Kennel Association (AKC) has polled America for its opinions on what pooch is to rule the White House, but President Obama recently announced that he's hoping for a Labradoodle (a mix of Labrador retriever and poodle, a hypoallergenic dog) to become the newest addition to the family. But why has this search garnered so much attention from the United States, and even beyond its borders? Everyone wants to touch a piece of Obama's magic, his charismatic presence that earned him the presidency. Animal lovers especially can rejoice, as Obama places attention on those homeless animals in shelters in need of love.

Obama: U.S. will work with Iran peacefully



Al-Arabiya/AP photo

In an effort to jumpstart U.S./Iran relations, Obama gives his first formal television interview as president to an Arabic cable TV network.

By Daniel McElwain
Staff Writer

With President Barack Obama taking office and the departure of the Bush administration, hopes are high around the world for more positive and peaceful actions by the United States. Many throughout the world see the United States as having behaved imperially due to the policies of the Bush administration. Iran has been a vocal opponent of U.S. actions.

Lately, cold relations with Iran seem to be thawing as both sides from the Obama administration and the Islamic Republic seem willing to once again open diplomatic relations. President Obama has commented that the United States is willing to work with Iran peacefully. "If countries like Iran are willing to unclench their fist, they will find an extended hand from us," he said. The United States has in the past few years criticized Iran on its support of terrorist organizations, hostile threats to Israel, and Iran's controversial nuclear ambitions. Iran has also in the past hosted a holocaust denial convention, and has shown strong support for any person or organization that has been hostile to Israel. Most recently, Iranian groups have enthusiastically supported the

Turkish prime minister's condemnation of Israel's recent actions in Gaza.

Not long after Obama's offers for talks, Iran's president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, launched demands for the United States to "apologize" for past crimes against Iran and has called for the United States to totally withdraw its military forces world wide saying that it will take more than words but to forge a more cooperative relationship with Iran. Despite this, many Iranians are hopeful that the Iranian government will respond to the overtures presented by the United States.

The issue also involves Iran's neighbor to the north, Russia. Russia has actively been selling Iran uranium to use in the Islamic Republic's attempts at nuclear power. Officials within the United States are hopeful that deals with Russia can be negotiated and an effective plan for missile defense in Europe formulated should Iran gain nuclear weapons.

There has not been any concrete relationship with the United States and Iran for nearly 30 years. Official relations were cut five months after Iran stormed the U.S. embassy and took 66 hostages. Since then relations with Iran have been conducted through Switzerland.

Tuition freeze: The cost of education

By Jeremy Riffle
Editorial Editor

Education is indisputably the most important investment anyone can make. Education is of such importance that one does not even need to be a parent or a student to contribute to the investment. Governor Martin O'Malley recently proposed a state budget that would continue to freeze in-state tuition for the University System of Maryland. If passed, the cost of tuition will have remained level for four years.

The tuition freeze is extremely important, especially in today's economic decline. Families feeling the increasingly present pinch in their wallets and bank accounts should not have to fear paying more for their child's college education than they did last year. Students desperately trying to gain an education should not have to consider dropping out because of their tuition bills.

That being said, it is important to realize the consequences of the tuition freeze. Schools in the University System of Maryland have been forced to make some cuts. Low tuition costs mean

less revenue for universities which results in fewer funds for investing in growth which, in turn, leads to long-term stagnation. By alleviating the strain on parents' and students' finances, the state is forcing institutes of higher education to tighten their own purse strings.

Even the staff and faculty of the University System are being forced to make sacrifices on the behalf of students. Furloughs, which are essentially short-term unpaid absences that employees are required to take, have become a crucial aspect of how to make ends meet in the University System. Admirably, most faculty members continue to work during their furloughs, even though they are not being paid for the period of the furlough.

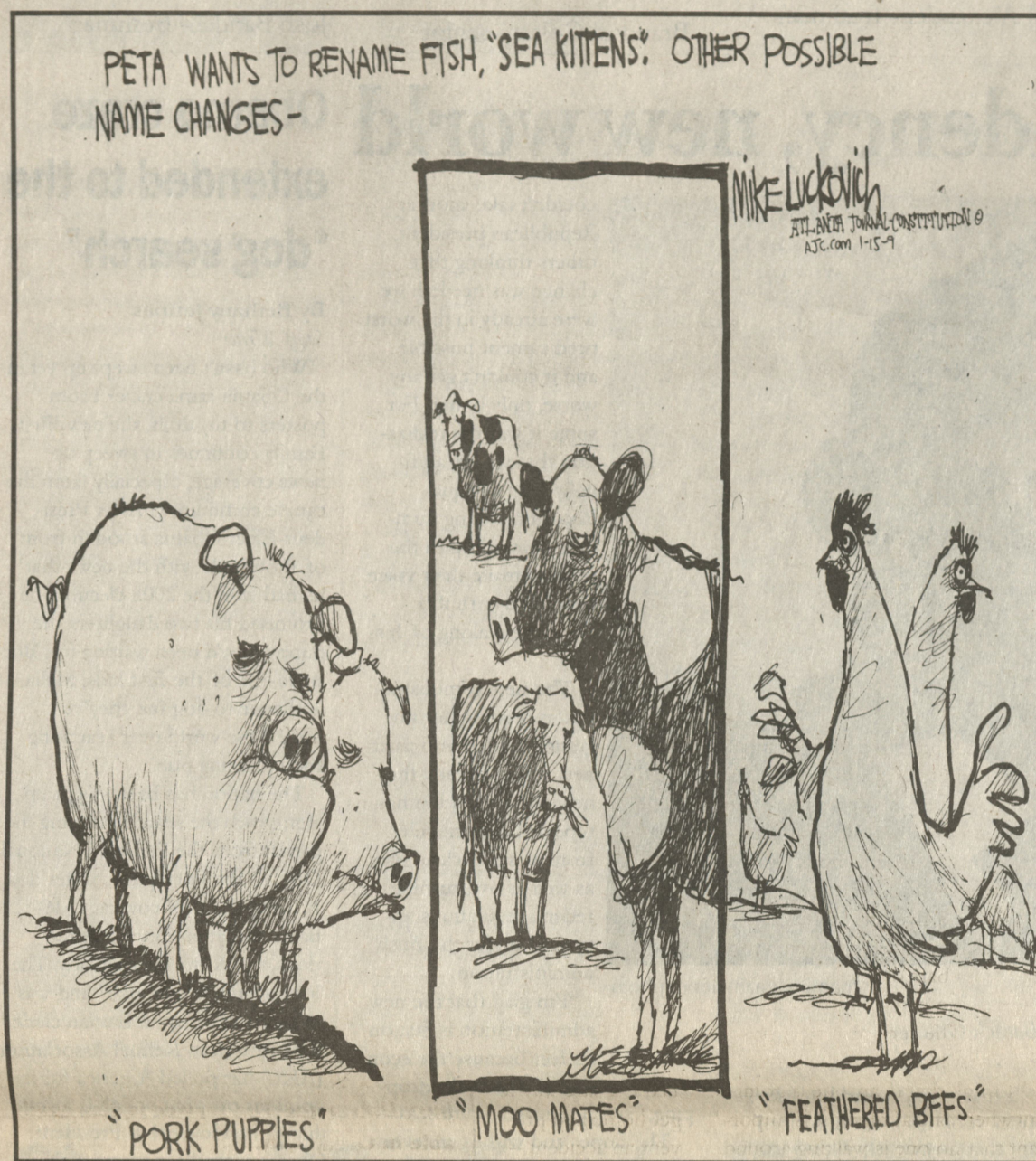
In addition to furloughs, there have been hiring freezes, complicating the ability of schools to fill important positions, and there may soon be some layoffs. The governor's budget calls for the dismissal of 700 employees from the University System of Maryland.

Ironically, another cost of trying to keep tuition low is that tu-

ition costs will actually go up for those in community colleges. In order to fit the tuition freeze for the University System into the budget, Governor O'Malley is planning to cut aid to community colleges, which will, in response, be forced to raise tuition in order to meet growing costs.

The most devastating consequence of the tuition freeze is the furthest down the road. When the tuition freeze is eventually thawed, and it will be as the state is unable to adequately meet the long-term costs of educational growth, the cost of tuition will go up, perhaps even drastically. After years of increasingly lean growth, Maryland institutes of higher education will raise tuition in order to make long delayed investments to reinvigorate their institutions and the quality of learning and services they offer.

These reminders of the costs, both realized and potential, are not meant to say that the tuition freeze is a mistake. Instead, these costs should serve as a reminder that we should not let a short-term fix create a long-term problem.



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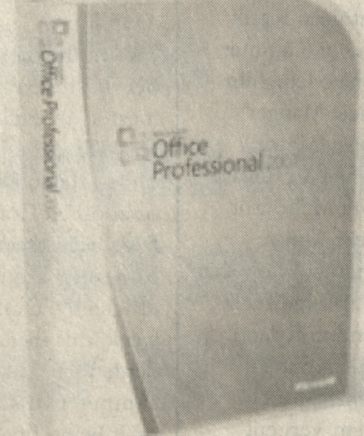
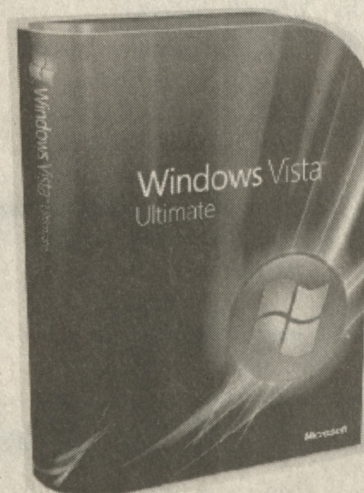
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Local man provides free taxi



In 2003, Norman Mullinix of Salisbury started a free taxi service in honor of his mother, who died due to complications resulting from a drunk driving accident. He only asks for tips.

By Amanda Durski
Staff Writer

Drunk driving affects the lives of thousands across the country. Injuries, ended friendships, and lost lives can be attributed to the serious decision to get behind the wheel under the influence. Efforts to prevent these incidents are numerous and many are focused on areas surrounding college campuses. One such effort has been made by an inspiring man named Norman Mullinix, whose experience in a drunken driving accident compelled him to start a free taxi service for Salisbury University students.

"My mother was killed in a drunken driving accident," Mullinix said. "A car driven by a drunk man

hit a pole and knocked it down in front of us. We both had our seat belts on. It didn't seem like a bad accident, but she received a bruise across her. A little later she became sick. It turned out to be an internal infection and that's how she passed."

Instead of becoming enraged or misguided because of the accident, Mullinix decided to do something positive to prevent similar misfortunes from happening.

"You can be angry or you can be proactive and do something. I tried to do something about it and give people a choice," Mullinix said. "My mother had been a cab driver. She had told me all of her stories about cab driving before she passed. So I decided to start a taxi service in memorial to her."

In 2003, he started a free taxi service in Ocean City. He assisted some Salisbury students there and they said that there was a need for a taxi service near campus.

Mullinix's taxi service will pick up anyone in a five mile radius from campus. It will drive students to and from bars or house parties and the van can carry up to seven passengers. The service is free; students just have to tip the driver.

"I think that if anyone is going anywhere late at night, it is important that no one is walking around. The taxi service is a good thing to have - and it's free. You just tip him a few bucks and I think that's reasonable," said Salisbury student, Esha Greer.

Fellow student Susan Bauserman agreed. "The free taxi is amazing!

Norman rocks! He is very charismatic and reliable. I would highly suggest every student put his number in their phone. The free taxi gives students a safe ride home and it only costs a tip. It doesn't get any better than that."

The service is available to Salisbury students

Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. The taxi is a safe way to get home and prevent an accident - or a lost life.

"Choose the right thing to do. If you want to drink - wait for a cab, call a friend, take SafeRide - just be smart

about it," Mullinix said.

To contact the free taxi service for a ride, or if you know of a willing sponsor, you may call 410-600-5038. If you are in the Ocean City area and need a ride to or from a bar, the service is also available, just call 443-783-2177.

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From the Photo Bank: What's Happening On Campus



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Naie Grower, Marc Dykeman, Ben Armiger and Sam Cuthridge AKA Chester River Runoff play at Flavors Italian Bar & Grille Friday, Jan. 30.



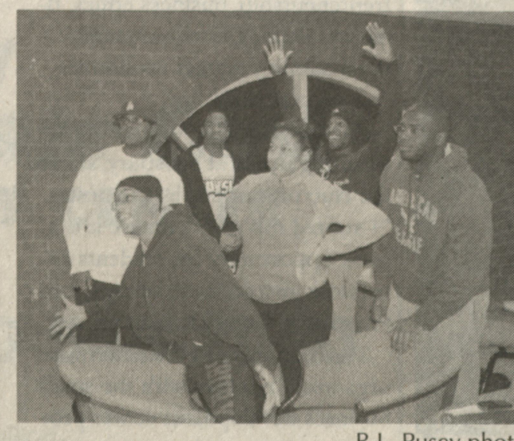
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Former Congressman Wayne Gilchrest poses with WET members Wednesday night in the Worcester Room above The Commons.



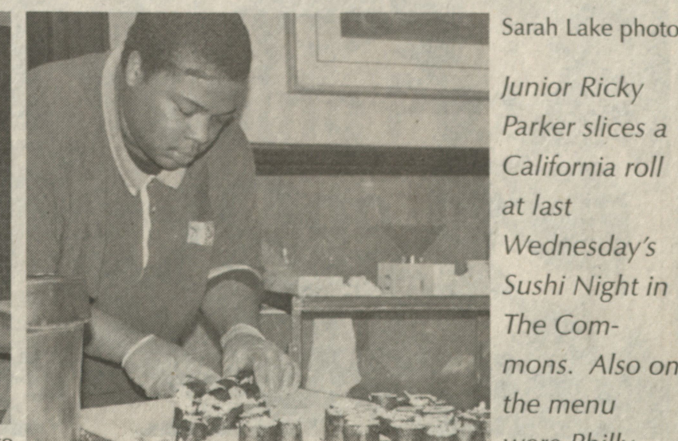
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Sophomore Jamison Douglas (far right) joins an impromptu snowball fight in front of Henson Tuesday.



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A lively group of students watch the Superbowl Sunday night in the Spirituality Center.



Sarah Lake photo

Junior Ricky Parker slices a California roll at last Wednesday's Sushi Night in The Commons. Also on the menu were Philly and Vegetarian rolls.

Ms. Advice



Ms. Advice answers all your questions, even private ones, in complete confidentiality. Send your questions to: lk14480@students.salisbury.edu

"I'm a freshman and just started drinking when I went to college. I think I have an alcohol abuse problem. I'm not sure what the signs are because all of my friends drink heavily. I don't know if I should get help or even what to do. I'm afraid my friends will make fun of me and not want to hang out with me anymore. What should I do?"

While some people can drink responsibly, other people drink to the point that it becomes a health issue and can lose their family and friends. Alcohol abuse and addiction are due to many factors. What's more, since drinking is so common in our society, problem drinking can be hard to identify. Do you drink to share enjoyment or share a connection with others? If drinking is the *only* way you feel comfortable connecting to others or you drink to mask depression, grief, anxiety or loneliness, you are at risk for alcohol abuse.

Some other risk factors include family history of alcoholism and history of mental illness. Alcohol abuse can worsen mental illness or even create new symptoms. Peer pressure is a significant force in college. If people around you drink heavily, it's hard to resist. If you are a teenager, you might feel you won't be accepted. If you have a major change or a stressful situation in your life, without other coping skills, you might turn to alcohol to help you get through.

Physical signs of alcoholism include slurred speech, dizziness, clumsiness and unsteadiness while intoxicated, blackouts, weight loss, unexplained or upset stomach, redness in the face or cheeks and numbness or tingling in the hands and feet. If you even suspect you might have a drinking problem and feel like you can't tell your parents or friends, go to the health center on campus and see a counselor. If you suspect someone you know has a drinking problem, understand that you cannot force someone you love to stop abusing. Don't expect your loved one to be able to quit and stay sober without outside help.



Sarah Wright photo

Students meander past the Electronic Gallery which is inexplicably closed but features a giant Gandhi head.

SU recreates Gandhi march

By Robert Cogdell III
Staff Writer

On Thursday, Feb. 22, Mahatma Gandhi's march to Dandi, Gujarat will be recreated through virtual means when Salisbury University features "Reenactment: The Salt Satyagraha Online, Gandhi's March to Dandi in Second Life." The electronic gallery, located in the Teacher Education and Technology Center (TETC) room 128 will play host to artist Joe DeLappe's virtual exhibit which has held press on CNN.com and various other media sources nationwide.

Influenced by Gandhi's original march to Dandi in response to the British tax on salt, DeLappe creatively fuses technology, history and art into a hybrid that is certain to spark interest decades later. DeLappe created a treadmill, which he used to animate and move his

Ghandi replicated avatar, MGandhi Chakrabarti, in the online world of Second Life. With this, he was able to re-enact the salt Satyagraha, or non-violent protest, a philosophy developed by Gandhi.

Also, following Gandhi's trail, DeLappe logged 240 miles on both the treadmill and in Second Life, within 26 days, in what he says is a "live and virtual reenactment of the march." Accounts of this march are viewable online on sites such as YouTube.com.

"I think that artists are taking advantage of technology and they're doing really incredible things. It gives the artist more power and the ability to self-promote," said art major Christy Jones.

The exhibit will also feature, with assistance from SU sculpture students, a cardboard-built structure of DeLappe's avatar.

"I think that it's cool that instead

of just recreating Gandhi, he's recreating an action that inspired him," said junior, philosophy major Alex Ambridge. "It shows the impact of his [Gandhi's] philosophy on the public."

DeLappe is the Associate Professor of the Department of Art at the University of Nevada, Reno. In addition to the electronic exhibit, DeLappe has created a 17-foot Gandhi statue. Other stand-alone works of his include Iraqmemorial.org, a project in memory of all Iraqi civilians killed in the war in Iraq and Dead-in-Iraq, a project where DeLappe types in names and information of all service persons who have died since the start of the Iraq war.

Prior to the opening of the exhibit, there will be a reception with DeLappe in TETC 156 at 5 p.m.

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What's Cooking?

Recipes for a tight budget



Carrot ginger muffins

By Michael Piorunski

Staff Writer

I'd like to introduce you to *What's Cooking?*, the latest weekly commentary for all things food, drink and recipe related. Each week I'll be sharing with you some of my favorite simple, healthy and economical recipes to help shave off the pounds (maybe). These recipes will help you tighten your belt as well as your wallet. Preparing your own food, while being fun, will save you cash and will help you to be more knowledgeable and aware of the food/ingredients you consume.

This week's recipe is one of my favorite varieties of muffins, Carrot Ginger. These little gems are great in the morning or as a snack and on cold winter mornings they pair well with a hot cup of coffee or tea. I like to reach for one after a mid-day run. You can double this recipe, or make two batches, and put some in the freezer for the future. The recipe lists raisins and walnuts as optional. For a vegan muffin you can substitute soy milk for the milk and 1 tablespoon flaxseed meal + 3 tablespoons water for the eggs.

Carrot Ginger Muffins

2 cups flour (can use whole wheat or 1/2 and 1/2)

1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

2 teaspoons ground ginger (2 tablespoons fresh ginger)

1/4 cup sugar (can reduce to 1/8)

1 cup milk

1 large egg

1/3 cup canola oil

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 cup grated carrot

1/2 cup raisins (optional)

1/2 cup walnuts (optional)

Pre-heat oven to 350°

In large mixing bowl combine dry ingredients including flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and ginger (if using fresh ginger add to wet ingredients). In a separate bowl combine egg and sugar until smooth, then add oil and vanilla. Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and combine until just incorporated. Be careful not to over-mix your batter as this will make your muffins dense and dry.

Now mix in your grated carrot, raisins (if using) and walnuts (if using). Portion out into non-stick muffin pan or line your pan with muffin/cupcake papers (lightly spray muffin papers with cooking spray). Fill each muffin cup 2/3 full.

Bake 15-18 minutes or until lightly browned on top.

Email your recipe/food questions to michael.piorunski@gmail.com

Salisbury University celebrates African American History Month

Compiled by Ashlee Laughlin, Staff Writer

African American History Month Upcoming Events

Multicultural Student Services will be hosting a series of programs and activities in the month of February for African American History Month. This year's theme is "Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas." With the assistance of several on campus alliances such as the SU Dance Company, University Dining Services, Cultural Affairs and the SU Music Department, along with several others, the Salisbury University community will be exposed to cultural events to enlighten and motivate students and faculty to be educated on African American culture.

Throughout the month, there will be several other visitors including comedians, speakers, dancers and music ensembles.

African American History Month events will also include a Soul Food Dinner featuring a jazz quartet and America's Black Patriot which is sponsored by University Dining Services and Multicultural Student Services.

African American History Month activities will last until March 8 with events to provide enlightenment to the entire Salisbury community.

Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas

Presented by Multicultural Student Services

Tuesday, Feb. 10

Dr. Kariann Welsh
African Dance in a Post Modern World: Traditions and Artistic License in Dialogue
Holloway Hall Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Kariann & Company: *Traditions Dance Performance*
Holloway Hall Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 11

Comedian Ronnie Jordan
Guerrieri University Center
Wicomico Room, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 12

Keynote Lecturer Carl Winters
"Kallimbia: Hip Hop, Jazz, and Beyond"
Guerrieri University Center
Gulls Nest, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 19

Soul Food Dinner
Featuring Bernard Sweetney Jazz Quartet & America's Black Patriot
The Commons
Bistro, 5 - 7 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 22

American Spiritual Ensemble
Featuring John Wesley Wright
Led by Everett McCarvey, Founder
Asbury United Methodist
4 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 24

Terrance Dean
Guerrieri University Center
Wicomico Room, 8 p.m.

Feb. 26 - March 1 & March 4 - 8

Gospel at Calonus
A lively musical re-imagining of Sophocles' Oedipus Rex
Directed by Robert Smith
Holloway Hall Auditorium, 8 p.m.

GUC Events gears up for spring semester



Allison Buchanan photo

Left to right: GUC Events staff members Katie Murphy, Events Coordinator Caitlyn Tyler and Laura Allahari.

By Robert Cogdell III

Staff Writer

Guerrieri University Center (GUC) events, started in the fall of 2007, have been the source of educational fun and stress relieving activities for all Salisbury University students to enjoy. These activities range from time management events to cooking classes reaching dishes such as stir-fry and sushi. The activities are also divided into three sub-categories: educational, recreational and social, said GUC Events Coordinator Caitlyn Tyler.

According to Tyler, educational events aim to spark

awareness, such as the African American History and Presidents day events. Recreational activities aim to bring students together with common interests such as the ping pong, Madden, and scrabble tournaments.

"[Social Events are designed to] relieve stress, have a good time and include mainly crafts and cooking classes," Tyler said.

Social events, particularly crafts, used to dominate the schedule but the GUC events staff aim at balancing between activities with more substance and education, Tyler said.

Feedback from students is particularly important in deciding events. This is done by surveymonkey.com, in which tournament and event participants are asked to rate their experiences. Although the events cater to SU students and have shifted to later times and multiple dates, some students still find it difficult to attend events. "The [cooking] class sounds fun, but I wouldn't have time to do it," said freshman Stephanie Sheridan.

With the economic recession and furloughs, certain events are rethought or, in some cases, cancelled all together, such as past events like blowout week.

"[GUC events] will most likely experience more work having to fund things to offer that are fun at a cheaper cost," said student Jessica St. Sulme.

Together with the collaborate effort of various students organizations, "we can host great events without costing individual organizations too much," Tyler said.

For a list of events, see Briefly Stated pg. 2

Club Spotlight

Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE)



Telecia Taylor photo

SIFE members conduct a meeting last Wednesday night in the Fireside Lounge of the GUC. Meetings are usually held in Caruthers at 4:15 p.m.

By Casey Wachter
Staff Writer

Are you interested in the many aspects of business? Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) is a new organization on the Salisbury University campus. The club focuses on six major categories including entrepreneurship, business ethics, financial literacy, environmental sustainability, market economics and success skills.

Zachary Kline, a sophomore accounting major at Salisbury, started the club on campus last semester. "I started this club because it is a great opportunity for students to network and go from landing jobs to creating them," Kline said.

The Students in Free Enterprise organization works with the small business development center providing services such as peer reviews for revising business plans. They also participate in SGA events and

competitions throughout the year. "The idea is to promote entrepreneurship and business aspects to students and the community. This is something new to the campus and is definitely a resume builder," Kline said.

SIFE is a way to have fun and learn more about the business world. Junior business management major Jeff Thompson is a member of the Students in Free Enterprise club and is looking forward to the club's second semester.

"It is a really interesting club. It focuses on the many business aspects that may challenge us in the real world. It will make for a great experience," Thompson said.

SIFE looks to give students a fun way of learning about the many challenging aspects of business. They meet on Wednesdays in Caruthers Hall at 4:15 p.m.

"You don't have to be a business major to join. We are looking for

serious members that would provide commitment and dedication to a new organization," Kline said.

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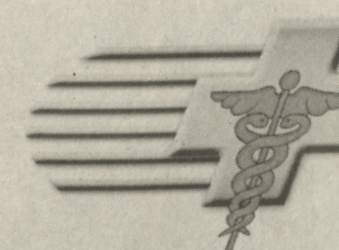
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SPORTS

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Basketball 2009 Preview

MEN

By Ben Muell

Staff Writer

The men's basketball team (9-10, 6-4) has been playing very well as of late, winning eight of their last 11 games. Junior Greg Palmer is averaging 15.5 points per game and junior Devin Jones is putting up 15.3 points per game. Jones dropped a season high 32 points last week in a one point win over Hood College. Head coach Steve Holmes contributes this year's success to the talent and cohesiveness of his team. The Gulls have 11 players getting significant time. Big men sophomores Chris McGrew and Ryan Hourihan and junior swingman Drew Dickson have all played a big part in the team's recent success. The Gulls will face off against Wesley this Friday at 4 p.m. in Maggs.

WOMEN

By Jeremy Kummer

Staff Writer

It has been a painful start for Salisbury's women's basketball team. Despite a somewhat disappointing record of 4-15, Salisbury is not losing hope or confidence. "Of course I wish we had more wins, but we have made huge strides since the beginning of the season. I am watching everyone, including myself, grow in their skill and knowledge of the game," said junior forward Kylie Hall.

Salisbury's lack of experience and depth has hurt them this season, but their excitement has not dwindled. "We are going to make a name for ourselves this year; never doubt us, just believe," Hall said. Salisbury plays Wesley in a CAC showdown on Feb. 7 in Maggs.

Editor's Corner Superbowl XLIII

Fitzgerald, Roethlisberger leave their mark

By Jeffrey Southworth
Sports Editor



Ben Roethlisberger is the most clutch athlete that isn't named Tiger Woods.

Fitzgerald entered the game with high expectations and lived up to every bit of hype. Fitzgerald was strangely silent through two and a half quarters but showed up when it mattered and when Arizona needed him the most. Fitzgerald reeled in a one-yard pass from quarterback Kurt Warner to get the Cardinals within one possession 20-14.

Two possessions later, Fitzgerald took a Warner pass 64-yards to give the Cardinals their first lead of the game 23-20. This play offered a somewhat different look at how incredible Fitzgerald really is. Throughout the play-offs, Fitzgerald has awed us with highlight catch after highlight catch and with his ability to come up with a catch across the middle when needed; but this touchdown in the fourth quarter showed the all-galaxy receiver in a 64-yard foot race. So not only did we get a glimpse of Fitzgerald's ability to pull a ball out of the air, we got to see him hit a second gear in the open field and put the Arizona Cardinals in position to win their first ever Super Bowl.

Seven receptions, 127 yards and two Larry Fitzgerald touchdowns later, Roethlisberger delivered a game-winning drive reminiscent of John Elway. Big Ben stepped up and led the biggest drive of his life, which ended with a six-yard touchdown pass to MVP Antonio Holmes. His pass to Holmes, which avoided three Cardinal defenders, was the 18th fourth quarter game-winning drive of his career and it couldn't have come on a bigger stage or at a better time. The pass was a thing of beauty and it allowed Holmes to make what will go down as one of the most memorable catches in Super Bowl history. Roethlisberger helped Pittsburgh win their sixth championship by going 21-30 with 256 yards and the touchdown to Holmes.

So where does this game rank Big Ben in the list of most clutch athletes? Number two, right behind Woods. Ben's performance moved him ahead of both Tom Brady and Peyton Manning. It also moved him ahead of other major athletes like Mariano Rivera, Kobe Bryant and pre-2008 Wimbledon Roger Federer. Clutch performances happen every now and again, but Roethlisberger's consistency in providing late game dramas has won him two championships in just five years.

Larry Fitzgerald proved to be a superior athlete and a virtually unstoppable wide receiver while Ben Roethlisberger moved from a very good quarterback to a great quarterback with a knack for game-winning drives. Super Bowl 43 started slow, but the fourth quarter of the decade allowed for two great athletes to leave their mark.

Chamberlin inducted into NFHCA Hall of Fame

By Thomas Watson
Staff Writer



Dawn Chamberlin

Salisbury University's field hockey head coach Dawn Chamberlin reached another milestone in her already illustrious career this January when she was inducted into the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Hall of Fame.

In her 22nd year, Chamberlin has amassed 336 career victories, 21 NCAA tournament appearances, nine final fours and three D-III national championships. She has also been awarded back-to-back D-III national Coach of the Year awards and has been named the CAC Coach of the Year 12 times.

Chamberlin has seemingly done it all, yet she is the only one who does not see it that way, deferring all of the credit over the years to her players. "When you find young players who are eager to be the best they can be and believe in themselves, there is no limit to what you can do," Chamberlin says.

A four-year letter winner at the University of Iowa, Chamberlin graduated in 1985 as a two-year co-captain of the Hawkeye's field hockey team. She won four Big Ten championships as well as an Indoor National Championship.

She was named to the All-Big Ten team in 1984 and received the Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Award and the Physical Education Academic Achievement Award. In 1987, Chamberlin earned her Master's degree from Salisbury and in 2000 received her doctorate from the University of Maryland.

When asked what she has left to accomplish here at Salisbury, Chamberlin responded selflessly again, "there is always an opportunity to help young athletes be the best they can be, and reach their full potential."



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Athlete Spotlight: Devin Jones

Big man on the court

Devin Jones

By Jeffrey Southworth
Sports Editor

The Salisbury University men's basketball team (9-10, 6-4) has enjoyed recent success, winning eight out of their last eleven games. A big reason they have turned their season around is the play of junior point guard Devin Jones. The co-captain has led the Gulls to a 4-0 record in their last four games. During that streak, Jones recorded a career-high 32 points against Hood College. For his efforts during the week of Jan. 26, Jones was honored with the PrestoSports/Provident Pride player of the week award.

I sat down and discussed the recent resurgence in his scoring, his player of the week award and Stephen Curry with the junior point guard.

JS: You sat out last year, did the year off help or hurt you?
DJ: It helped a lot. I got to see what was going on from a different perspective.

JS: You're scoring like crazy lately, what has gotten into you?
DJ: A lot of teams key in on Greg Palmer so it just seems like I am open a lot. My teammates do a good job finding who's hot.

"My teammates do a
good job finding
who's hot."

Devin Jones
Co-Captain

JS: How did it feel to be the Presto Sports player of the week?
DJ: I didn't even know until Mrs. Holmes said something to me. It felt good, but honestly I didn't even know.

JS: Do you plan to stay involved in basketball after college?
DJ: That remains to be seen. If a great opportunity to play presents itself, then yes. Coaching would be nice.

JS: LeBron or Kobe?

DJ: Ah man. Kobe is still the best in the world, but it is definitely Lebron's time. It will be Lebron once he develops his outside jump shot.

JS: Compare yourself to a pro.
DJ: I want to say Chris Paul, but Devin Harris. I like to shoot the jumper a little more than Harris though.

JS: Stephen Curry. Will he be a star or a role player in the NBA?
DJ: It depends on what team drafts him. If he plays for a bad team he will be a star, if he goes to a good team he will probably be a role player.

JS: Is there anything you want to say to other Salisbury students?
DJ: Come out and support our team! We have two huge games at home this week. There are no excuses for not coming out!



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The SU men's and women's swim teams went up against Catholic University last Saturday. The women came out on top, 114-91. The men fell to Catholic, 118-87.

Gulls swim to the CAC

By Edward Baidoo
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University men's and women's swimming teams performed well last Saturday in their non-conference swim meet against Catholic University. The women won their side of the meet 114-91 but the men dropped to the visiting Cardinals 118-87. This meet also helped both teams finish the regular season with above .500 records. The women finished with a 7-4 record and the men finished at 6-5.

Head coach Jill Stephenson was very much impressed with the performance of her swimmers. The women swam to five first place finishes and the men took first in four of their races. "They swam great today. For the last meet of the season, they did a great job and I was very pleased," Stephenson said.

The performance of both the men's and women's teams shows that they are ready and focused on the Capital Athletic Conference Tournament, which starts on Feb. 13 at St. Mary's College. The swimmers knew how important it was to come out and do well on Saturday to establish that momentum going into the CAC Tournament. "This meet

was pretty important because it was the last home meet. It was also important that we swam versus Catholic, a very good team. We swam very close races and we will be ready at St. Mary's," sophomore Katy Turner said. Turner took first place in the 100-meter fly and set a new school record with a time of 1:08.41.

Though the men did not win, they were encouraged by their efforts. "This meet was important for us. Though it was a non-conference meet, it prepared us well for the conference meet coming up. The meets these last few weeks have given us a lot of momentum going to St. Mary's. We are overall ready and motivated," senior Ben Overholt said. Overholt finished first in the 100-meter free with a time of 57.21.

The team must now wait and prepare for the upcoming CAC meet. "The big thing for the swimmers is to work together as a team and keep the motivation up. We do not have a meet next week, so it will be important to keep motivation up. If we keep the racing speed and motivation up going into the tournament, we will be fine," Stephenson said.

SALISBURY SPORTS CALENDAR

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- 9 a.m. Track and Field @ Christopher Newport Invitational
- 12 p.m. Baseball @ Virginia Wesleyan
- 2 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Wesley
- 4 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Wesley

Sunday-2/8

- 11 a.m. Baseball @ North Carolina Wesleyan

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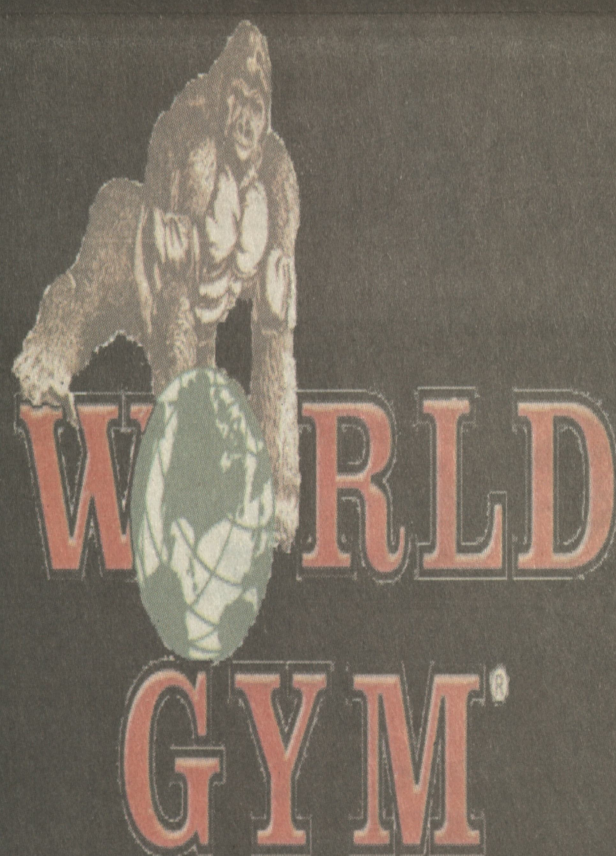
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